(d) whether Government have directed the State Government to intimate the latest position regarding transfer and reversion of Adivasi land; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Patta of forest land to tribals

3565. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided in principal to issue Patta of forest land to the tribals for housing purpose, by dereserving the forest land;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many tribal families are likely to be benefited under the said scheme and by when?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, no forest land is normally diverted for any non site specific activity like construction of residential or dwelling houses.

However, there is a provision for regularising such pre-1980 encroachments in respect of which the State Governments had already taken a decision prior to the enactment of the Act to regularise the encroachments, based on certain eligibility criteria fixed at that point of time, but could not implement their decision either wholly or partially before the enactment of the Forest (Conservation) Act.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Approval to M.P. Forestry Action Plan

†3566. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Forestry Action Plan of Madhya Pradesh has been sent to the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests for approval;

(b) if so, by when, the same would be approved; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.